

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 24-29, 35, 43-48, 54, 62 and 63 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 24-29, 43-48 and 54 have been amended.

Applicant thanks Examiner Patel for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicant's representative on February 11, 2008. During the interview, the rejections noted in the outstanding Office Action were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the claims as amended overcome the 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112 rejections. Arguments presented during the interview are reiterated below.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 24-29, 35, 43-48, 54, 62 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1-5, 9, 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; Claims 24 and 43 were objected to; and Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 24-29, 35, 43-48, 54, 62 and 63 were indicated as allowable subject to correction of the objection and the 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112 rejections.

Regarding the rejection to Claims 1-5, 9, 10 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, the claims are modified in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection to Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 16, 24-29, 35, 43-48 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the claims are modified in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the objection to Claims 24 and 43, the claims are modified in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the arguments set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is now in allowable form. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request consideration and allowance of the currently pending claims.

It is believed that no additional fees are due. If this is incorrect, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees, other than issue fees, that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney for any reason that would advance the current application to issue. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 130149-1000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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